God at Work in Bisbee

By Phil Draper

The Bisbee Seventh-day Adventist Church is located in Cochise County, Arizona, 82 miles southeast of Tucson. According to 2005 Census Bureau estimates, the population of the city was 6,177. Bisbee is the county seat of Cochise County.

Pastor Gary Fordham and his congregation have prayed for a means to reach every home in their community with the Good News of Jesus. In order to do this, they felt they needed help. Many prayers were offered for God to provide a Bible worker who could help with this outreach.

In 2011, Brandon Senior moved with his wife Jessica and their two children to Bisbee to be a Bible worker. He had recently attended the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE) and was eager to become active in soul-winning.

"Many residents of our community are spiritualists, occultists, atheists, witches and wizards," said Fordham. "Therefore our work is difficult, for many do not welcome the study of the Bible."

However, the church continued to pray for their community and Pastors Fordham and Senior continued knocking on doors and following leads. They found some who welcomed Bible study. And they found some who threatened them if they ever returned to their door.

First baptism: January 14, 2012: from left: Isabel & Brandon Senior, Richard Fernandez, Eddie Barbee, Megan Frates, Anna Lou Harrje, Dale & Isabel Rachilla.

"In the 15 months Brandon was with us," explained Fordham, "he experienced the power of God — and also saw the strength of the Devil!"

Senior shared his faith in many ways. First he presented the Cosmic Conflict series, a four-part series on Understanding Creation and Evolution. He studied in the homes of those interested in Bible study and continued to faithfully present Jesus to all with whom he came in contact.

"From these studies," Fordham says, "and with the help of Net 2011, the Bisbee church has added eight precious members by either baptism or profession of faith. We are thrilled!"

Most recently, Senior has completed four weeks of public evangelism, which resulted in two more people being baptized.

"During the year Brandon and his family have been in Bisbee, our church was able to contact every home in the community," beams Fordham. "The church has increased its membership by ten, and others are attending faithfully hoping to be baptized in the future."

If other churches would be interested in having the services of Brandon Senior in their area, they may learn more about his ministry by visiting his website: www.brandonseniorseminars.com.

Second baptism, August 11, 2012: from left – Dan Coyle, Brandon Senior, Aaron Rachilla.

Third baptism: November 10, 2012: from left – Brandon Senior, Barbara Patterson, Tim Langford.